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Applicant: Mauer et al.  
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Title: SELF-PIERCING RIVET, PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR  
SETTING A RIVET ELEMENT, AND EMPLOYMENT  
THEREOF  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, please consider the following.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 15 of this paper.

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